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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1. SEDULOUS (noun) : परिश्रमी

Pronunciation: seh·joo·luhs **Meaning:** (of a person or action) showing dedication and diligence. **Synonyms:** diligent, careful, meticulous **Antonyms:** idle, inactive, unbusy **Sentence:** He watched himself with the most <u>sedulous</u> care.

2. PESTERED (verb) : सताया

Pronunciation: peh⋅stuhd
Meaning: trouble or annoy (someone) with frequent or persistent requests or interruptions.
Synonyms: badger, hound, annoy
Antonyms: delighted, pleased
Sentence: He'd been pestered by reporters for days.

3. INSALUBRIOUS (adj.) : अस्वस्थ

Pronunciation: in·suh·loo·bree·uhs
Meaning: (especially of a climate or locality) not salubrious; unhealthy.
Synonyms: seedy, unsavory, sordid
Antonyms: healthful, healthy
Sentence: After inhaling the <u>insalubrious</u> city smog for a month, I was happy to once again breathe in the fresh air of the country.

4. INFATUATED (adj.) : मुग्ध

Pronunciation: uhn·fa·choo·ayt·uhd **Meaning:** possessed with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone. **Synonyms:** besotted, obsessed **Antonyms:** allergic, averse, disinclined **Sentence:** She was <u>infatuated</u> with her boss.

5. RETICENT (adj.) : मौन रहने वाला

Pronunciation: reh·tuh·snt **Meaning:** not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily. **Synonyms:** reserved, withdrawn, introverted



Antonyms: communicative, open, frank

Sentence: She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.

6. ASININE (adj.) : नासमझ

Pronunciation: a·suh·nine
Meaning: extremely stupid or foolish.
Synonyms: stupid, foolish, brainless
Antonyms: judicious, prudent, sagacious
Sentence: It was <u>asinine</u> to run into the street like that

7. SERENDIPITY (noun) : नसीब

Pronunciation: seh·ruhn·di·puh·tee **Meaning:** the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. **Synonyms:** luck, good fortune, chance

Antonyms: mischance, misfortune, unluckiness **Sentence:** Nature has created wonderful serendipity.

8. UMBRAGE (noun) : अपमान

Pronunciation: uhm·bruhjMeaning: offense or annoyance.Synonyms: take offense, be offended, be affrontedAntonyms: appeasement, mollification, pacificationSentence: She took <u>umbrage</u> at his remarks.

9. CONFRONTATION (noun) : आमना-सामना

Pronunciation: kawn·fruhnt·ay·shn **Meaning:** a hostile or argumentative meeting or situation between opposing parties. **Synonyms:** conflict, clash, brush **Antonyms:** concord, harmony, peace **Sentence:** The government was dragged willy-nilly into the <u>confrontation</u>.

10. DISCONSOLATE (adj.) : निराश

Pronunciation: duh·skawn·suh·luht
Meaning: without consolation or comfort; unhappy.
Synonyms: unhappy, doleful, woebegone
Antonyms: happy, cheerful, blissful
Sentence: The death of her father left Mary <u>disconsolate</u>.



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